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For: PLANT PACKAGE HAVING A DECORATIVE COVERING

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
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Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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Section 2. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

☒ [X] A completed Form 1449 (Modified) is attached hereto.

☐ [] No Form 1449 (Modified) is attached.

Section 3. Statements as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications (Information not listed in PTO 1449 (Modified))

Plant sleeves are old in the art. Plant sleeves typically are constructed of polymer film or paper. Plant sleeves generally are tapered (trapezoidally shaped) with an open top and an open bottom, although some have a closed bottom. A plant in a pot is placed in the plant sleeve so that the sleeve covers the pot and the plant. In some instances, the upper portion of the plant sleeve is removable along a line of perforations leaving at least a portion of the sleeve around the pot. In some instances, a separate sheet of material is placed about the pot and the remaining bottom portion of the plant sleeve hold this separate sheet of material in place. Alternatively, a floral grouping alone may be placed within the sleeve. It is also known to put potted plants in grocery bags.

It is also old in the art to form a sheet of material about a flower pot and then place an elastic band around the sheet of material to hold the sheet in place about the flower pot. In some instances, the band has been positioned about the outer surface of the pot with the sheet of material positioned between the band and the flower pot. In some instances, the band has been positioned above the upper end of the pot thereby causing a portion of the sheet of material to be forced inwardly over the upper end of the pot.

It is also old in the art to form a sheet of material into a conically shaped tube like member referred to commonly in the art as a sleeve. A floral grouping or flower pot with flowers therein can be disposed through the larger open end of the sleeve, wherein the sleeve covers the floral grouping or the flower pot and extends above and around the flowers in the floral grouping or flower pot.

It is also old in the art that cut flowers have been wrapped with the following materials or combinations of materials:

1. Kraft paper plus waxed or unwaxed tissue paper with the flowers being placed next to the waxed paper or tissue paper.
2. Kraft paper plus newspaper plus waxed or unwaxed tissue with the flowers being placed next to the waxed or unwaxed tissue. These three materials have been used to wrap flowers in various combinations such as Kraft paper plus newspaper or Kraft paper plus waxed or unwaxed tissue paper or newspaper plus waxed or unwaxed tissue paper.
3. Waxed or unwaxed tissue paper, polymer films and Kraft paper (treated for water resistance or wet strength or untreated).
4. Polymer film and waxed tissue paper.

Section 4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need to be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. §120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 10/294,881, filed on November 13, 2002.

The references identified in the Form 1449 attached hereto were submitted and/or cited by, the Applicant in the prior application(s) and therefore, are not required to be provided in this application.

Section 5. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

[X] Exception(s) to above:

- ☒ [X] Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4. Only copies of the following patents are enclosed:

Copies not cited in prior applications and provided herewith include:

U.S. Patent Documents: 2,688,914; 3,003,681; 3,172,796; 3,405,863; 3,804,322; 6,286,255; 6,286,256; 6,345,467

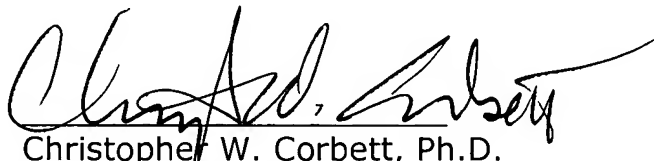
Non-Patent Documents: WEDER ET AL., "Sleeve with a Triangular Lower End", U.S. Patent Application Publication, Pub. No. US 2002/0112401 A1, Pub. Date: 08/22/2002.

Section 6. Identification of Person(s) Making this INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

- ☐ [] supplied by the inventor(s)
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	AL	1	8	1	1	5	7	4	03/14/1930	Barrett			
	AM	1	8	6	3	2	1	6	06/14/1932	Wordingham			
	AN	1	9	7	8	6	3	1	10/30/1934	Herrlinger	91	68	
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	AQ	2	1	7	0	1	4	7	08/22/1939	Lane	206	56	
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	AS	2	2	7	8	6	7	3	04/07/1942	Savada et al.	154	43	
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	AU	2	3	2	3	2	8	7	07/06/1943	Amberg	229	53	
	AV	2	3	5	5	5	5	9	08/08/1944	Renner	229	8	
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	BE	2	6	4	8	4	8	7	08/11/1953	Linda	229	55	
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	BH	2	7	7	4	1	8	7	12/18/1956	Smithers	47	41	
	BI	2	8	2	2	2	8	7	02/04/1958	Avery	117	14	
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	BJ	2	8	4	6	0	6	0	08/05/1958	Yount	206	58	
	BK	2	8	5	0	8	4	2	09/09/1958	Eubank Jr.	47	58	
	BL	2	8	8	3	2	6	2	04/21/1959	Borin	21	56	
	BM	2	9	8	9	8	2	8	06/27/1961	Warp	53	390	
	BN	3	0	0	3	6	8	1	10/10/1961	Orsini			
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	BP	3	0	8	0	6	8	0	03/12/1963	Reynolds et al.	47	37	
	BQ	3	0	9	4	8	1	0	06/25/1963	Kalpin	47	37	
	BR	3	1	2	1	6	4	7	02/18/1964	Harris et al.	118	202	
	BS	3	1	3	0	1	1	3	04/21/1964	Silman	161	97	
	BT	3	2	9	3	1	0	0	08/27/1963	Questel			
	BU	3	1	7	2	7	9	6	03/09/1965	Gülker			
	BV	3	2	7	1	9	2	2	09/13/1966	Wallerstein et al.	53	3	
	BW	3	3	1	6	6	7	5	05/02/1967	Cartwright, Jr.			
	BX	3	3	2	2	3	2	5	05/30/1967	Bush	229	62	
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	CA	3	4	3	1	7	0	6	03/11/1969	Stuck	53	390	
	CB	3	5	0	8	3	7	2	04/28/1970	Wallerstein et al.	53	3	
	CC	3	5	1	0	0	5	4	05/05/1970	Sanni et al.	229	66	
	CD	3	5	1	2	7	0	0	05/19/1970	Evans et al.	229	53	
	CE	3	5	5	0	3	1	8	12/29/1970	Remke et al.	47	37	
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	CG	3	5	5	4	4	3	4	01/12/1971	Anderson	229	55	
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	CJ	3	6	2	0	3	6	6	11/16/1971	Parkinson	206	59	
	CK	3	6	8	1	1	0	5	08/01/1972	Milutin et al.	117	15	
	CL	3	7	6	7	1	0	4	10/23/1973	Bachman et al.	229	7	
	CM	3	7	9	3	7	9	9	02/26/1974	Howe et al.	53	32	
	CN	3	8	0	4	3	2	2	04/16/1974	Ericson			
	CO	3	8	6	9	8	2	8	03/11/1975	Matsumoto	47	34.11	
	CP	3	8	8	8	4	4	3	06/10/1975	Flanigen	248	152	
	CR	3	9	6	2	5	0	3	06/08/1976	Crawford	428	40	
	CQ	4	0	4	3	0	7	7	08/23/1977	Stonehocker	47	66	
	CS	4	0	5	4	6	9	7	10/18/1977	Reed et al.	428	40	
	CT	4	0	9	1	9	2	5	05/30/1978	Griffo et al.	206	423	
	CU	4	1	1	3	1	0	0	09/12/1978	Soja et al.	206	602	
	CV	4	1	1	8	8	9	0	10/10/1978	Shore	47	28	
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	CX	4	1	8	9	8	6	8	02/26/1980	Tymchuck et al.	47	84	
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	DB	4	2	8	0	3	1	4	07/28/1981	Stuck	53	241	
	DC	4	2	9	7	8	1	1	11/03/1981	Weder	47	72	
	DD	4	3	3	3	2	6	7	06/08/1982	Witte	47	84	
	DE	4	3	4	7	6	8	6	09/07/1982	Wood	47	73	
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	DI	4	5	0	8	2	2	3	04/02/1985	Catrambone	206	423	
	DJ	D	2	7	9	2	7	9	06/18/1985	Wagner	D11	143	
	DK	4	5	4	6	8	7	5	10/15/1985	Zweber	206	0.82	
	DE	4	6	2	1	7	3	3	11/11/1986	Harris	206	423	
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	DN	4	7	1	7	2	6	2	01/05/1988	Roan et al.	383	120	
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	DV	D	3	0	1	9	9	1	07/04/1989	Van Sant	D11	149	
	DW	4	9	0	0	3	9	0	02/13/1990	Colten et al.	156	291	
	DX	4	9	4	1	5	7	2	07/17/1990	Harris	206	423	
	DY	4	9	4	6	2	9	0	08/07/1990	Matyja	383	10	
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	EA	5	0	7	3	1	6	1	12/17/1991	Weder et al.	493	154	
	EB	5	0	7	4	6	7	5	12/24/1991	Osgood	383	122	
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	EE	5	1	1	1	6	3	8	05/12/1992	Weder	53	397	
	EF	5	1	1	7	5	8	4	6/1992	Ottenwalder			
	EG	5	1	2	0	3	8	2	06/09/1992	Weder	156	212	
	EH	5	1	5	2	1	0	0	10/06/1992	Weder et al.	47	72	
	EI	5	1	8	1	3	6	4	01/26/1993	Weder	53	397	
	EJ	5	1	9	9	2	4	2	04/06/1993	Weder et al.	53	397	
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	EL	D	3	3	5	1	0	5	04/27/1993	Ottenwalder et al.	D11	164	
	EM	5	2	2	8	2	3	4	07/20/1993	de Klerk et al.	47	41.01	
	EN	5	2	3	5	7	8	2	08/17/1993	Landau	47	72	
	EO	5	2	3	9	7	7	5	08/31/1993	Landau	47	72	
	EP	5	2	4	9	4	0	7	10/05/1993	Stuck	53	399	
	EQ	5	2	5	9	1	0	6	11/09/1993	Weder et al.	29	469.5	
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	ES	5	3	1	5	7	8	5	05/31/1994	Avôt et al.	47	72	
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	EV	5	3	6	1	4	8	2	11/08/1994	Weder et al.	29	469	
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	FP	5	7	1	5	9	4	4	02/10/1998	Windisch	206	423	
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	FZF	6	1	4	1	9	0	6	11/07/2000	Weder	47	72	
	FZG	6	1	8	2	3	9	5	07/2001	Weder	47	72	
	FZH	6	1	8	3	5	9	0	02/06/2001	Weder	47	72	
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	FZI	6	2	8	6	2	5	5	09/11/2001	Weder et al.			
	FZJ	6	2	8	6	2	5	6	09/11/2001	Weder			
	FZK	6	3	4	5	4	6	7	02/12/2002	Weder			

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	GD	0	0	5	0	9	9	0	05/05/1982	EPO			X	
	GE	0	7	9	1	5	4	3	08/27/1997	EPO			X	
	GH	1	3	7	6	0	4	7	09/14/1964	France			X	
	GI	2	0	3	6	1	6	3	12/24/1970	France			X	
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	HK	6	1	2	7	5	5	5	05/10/1994	Japan			X	
	HL	8	-	1	9	3	3	4	01/23/1996	Japan			X	
	HM	1	0	0	0	6	5	8	01/05/1996	Netherlands			X	
	HN	8	3	0	1	7	0	9	12/1984	Netherlands			X	
	HO	9	3	1	5	9	7	9	08/19/1993	PCT			X	
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IJ	Chantler & Chantler brochure showing Zipper Sleeve™ and Florasheet®, published prior to March 31, 1994, 2 pages.	
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IM	"Derwent Abstract" of FR 2610604A. It is noted that the abstract is an incorrect English translation of the contents of the French patent. The French patent does not enable or disclose adhesively attaching the covering to the container. 1988.	
IN	"Silver Linings" Brochure, Affinity Diversified Industries, Inc., 1986. The Silver Linings brochure shows a floral sleeve with a closed bottom. The brochure shows, in one embodiment, a vase with flowers inside a "cut flower" sleeve with the sleeve tied with a ribbon about the neck of the vase.	
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